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SUBJECT: FAHMY ON UNDERSECRETARY SISCO'S APPEARANCE
BEFORE SFRC

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1. LAST EVENING FAHMY TACKLED ME ON PRESS REPORTS THAT UNDERSECRETARY SISCO HAD TOLD SFRC THAT WASHINGTON TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA RE DISENGAGEMENT HAVE BEEN DELAYED TWO WEEKS AND EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT ANY DELAY. ON BASIS OF REFTEL, I ASSURED HIM PRESS HAD SOMEHOW MISQUOTED THE UNDERSECRETARY, WHO HAD ACTUALLY TOLD THE COMMITTEE AN ISRAELI HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON WITHIN TWO WEEKS. FAHMY SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR THIS AND NOTED EBAN IS ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON. WOULD HE BE THE PROMISED ISRAELIS REPRESENTATIVE?

2. I TOLD HIM THAT, WHILE ONE COULD EXPECT GOLAN SITUATION TO BE DISCUSSED BY EBAN, I DID NOT THINK HE WAS THE PROMISED ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE. SINCE DISENGAGEMENT IS BASICALLY A MILITARY SUBJECT, THE ISRAELIS WOULD PROBABLY WANT A SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE TO HANDLE TALKS. FAHMY AGREED THAT THESE PRELIMINARY TALKS MIGHT BEST BE CONDUCTED ON MILITARY LEVEL.
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